

ST MARTHA PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING

Thursday 13 June 2024

To: All Members of the Council

You are hereby respectfully summoned to attend an **Extra-Ordinary Meeting** to be held in **Chilworth Village Hall** on **Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 7.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed: *Anne Tait*
Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies and Reason for Absence

2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) - by Councillors on any of the agenda items below in accordance with The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464)

3. Declaration of Non-Pecuniary Interests in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct.

4. Register of Interests – a declaration from Members on amendments.

5. Public participation Session

Members of the public can express a view or ask a question on relevant matters on the agenda and are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting but may not speak or interrupt the meeting following the public participation session without the consent of the Chair. Each speaker to have a maximum of three minutes to address the Council.

6. Co-option of a new Councillor

Co-option of a new councillor for the Parish Council. Guildford Borough Council has not received a call for an election for the vacancy. The Council may now co-opt a new member.

7. Planning

To **discuss and agree** a response to GBC on any application(s) received since 04/06/24.

8. Policies, Financial and Regulation Approvals

a) To **receive and approve** the schedule of payments presented by the Clerk.

9. Recruitment of Parish Councillors

To discuss and agree a strategy for recruitment of Parish Councillors and an advertising leaflet

10. Highways and Rights of Way

- a) An update on the Lockner Holt Footpath/Bridleway
- b) A VAS for the Dorking Road

11. Date of the next full Council Meeting: Tuesday 9th July 2024 in Chilworth Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Clerk's report for the Parish Council Meeting on 18 June 2024

The purchase of a VAS Unit along the A248 Dorking Road

I have made contact with Westcotech – this is the VAS Company, if you recall is/was to be the choice of Surrey County Council, when Bahram Assadi was in post.

With the change in personnel to Soe Hein now as SCC Traffic Engineer, the choice of Companies may now have been widened.

I explained the situation along that stretch of road as fully as I could to one of the sales account managers at Westcotech and she located the area on Google Maps. I gave her the postcode of Pearemount Cottage (GU4 8RJ) and suggested that the unit should be placed on the left (travelling to Albury). This detail would, of course, have to be sanctioned by Soe and his Team.

As this is a 30-mph area, I thought that a VAS should be a warning of narrow bends and a reminder of the speed limit – i.e. focussing on the bends – with the speed limit warning secondary (underneath the narrow bends sign). I also consider that corner amber flashing lights would help raise the awareness of drivers, but of course residents may not feel that is appropriate.

The cost of the solar unit, (excl. VAT) is £4,975 including installation and 6 years guarantee.

A slightly cheaper unit with no flashing corner amber lights – as the unit does not need so much power – is about £4,442.

I now feel it is time to continue the conversation with Soe, Bob and the local residents who attended the site meeting that took place on 17/07/23. As far as I am aware no progress has been made since then.

I would be grateful Soe if you could suggest a few alternative dates for another site meeting, so that we can resume negotiations.

Footpath and Bridleway 252 (a)

To report any update from Surrey Choices removing the posts and dangling wire.